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## **Fire at Assisted Living Facility**

**Date/Time:** January 3, 2016 / 0837 hrs.  
**Location:** 55000 block of Sante Fe Trail in Yucca Valley  
**Incident:** Commercial Structure Fire

**Summary:** At approximately 8:37 a.m., San Bernardino County Fire received reports of a fire in one of the rooms of an assisted living facility. Upon arrival of the first fire crew, they found occupants of the building self-evacuating and smoke coming from one of the second floor units. Firefighters made quick entry and determined the fire to be in the attic and bathroom of the unit. The fire was extinguished rapidly while firefighters performed salvage operations to further protect the resident's property.

A staff member that was walking by the room noticed smoke coming from it and activated the fire alarm. The room's door had been left open by a resident when they went to the cafeteria downstairs. During the incident, some of the residents of the 85 bed two-story facility were evacuated by staff members.

12 firefighters including 3 engines, one medic ambulance, and one battalion chief responded to the incident. Firefighters remained on scene for approximately 3 hours.

The fire appeared to have been caused by a bathroom fan, but remains under investigation.

San Bernardino County Fire asks that all families practice their EDITH escape plan (Exit Drills In The Home) and have a pre-determined meeting point outside of the house. For more information on EDITH, please go to [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org) and search under "Safety Preparedness".

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